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R 251121Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3541

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BEIRUT 3691

LIMDIS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG ELTN JO LE SA

SUBJ: TAPLINE PROBLEM

1. FOLLOWING ITEMS OF INTEREST EMERGED FROM CALL BY DAVID DOGE,  
TAPLINE BEIRUT, ON AMBASSADOR MAR 24.

2. TWO-MAN JORDANIAN DEL LEFT FOR SAUDI ARABIA EVENING OF MAR 23  
WITH LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO KING FAISAL.

3. GOL PLANNING SEND PRIMIN AND OILMIN TO SAG BUT  
ABSENCE OF FONMIN THIS WEEK AT ARAB FONMIN CONFERENCE  
CAIRO INDICATES THIS VISIT AT LEAST A WEEK OR TWO OFF.  
(DODGE AWARE FONMIN HAS ASSUMED DIRECTION THIS MATTER.)

4. TAPLINE ANXIOUS THAT GOL DELEGATION CONTACT  
SAG BEFORE SAG OILMIN YAMANI LEAVES AT MONTH-END  
ON EXTENDED FOREIGN TRIP. MINDFUL OF GOL PROPENSITY  
TO PROCRASTINATE, DODGE SAID TAPLINE PLANS TO  
MAINTAIN PRESSURE WITH LETTERS SOON TO GOL (1)  
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PRESENTING BILL FOR PAST SEQUESTERED CRUDE SUPPLIES  
TO MEDRECO REFINERY SIDON (COMPUTED AT POSTED PRICE

LESS NINE CENTS, PER TAPLINE'S OPERATING AGREEMENTS)  
(2) SERVING NOTICE REQUIRED BY LABOR CODE OF INTENTION  
DISCHARGE TAPLINE EMPLOYEES WHEN AND IF LINE  
MONTHBALLED. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S OBSERVATIONS  
AS TO ADVISABILITY OF SUBMITTING BILL NOW WHEN  
MAIN OBJECTIVE IS REOPENING LINE, RATHER THAN  
SECONDARY ISSUE OF SUPPLIES TO REFINERY, DODGE  
SAID BILL NEVER YET PRESENTED AND SHOULD BE FOR  
LEGAL REASONS. HE CONCEDED HOWEVER, THAT IT  
WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO SEEK DISCREET MEETING WITH  
FONMIN FIRST. AMBASSADOR AGREED TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING  
SUCH A MEETING.

5. DODGE LEFT OCSTS DATA WHICH PUTS TAPLINE SIDON  
TAXPAID COST AT 400,000 BPD THROUGHOUT AND \$13.25 POSTED  
PRICE AT \$11.71, COMPOSED OF \$2.25 SAG ROYALTY, \$8.75. SAG  
TAX, 29 CENTS ARAMCO PRODUCTION COST AND 42 CENTS TAPLINE  
TRANSPORATION COST, LATTER INCLUDING TRANSIT  
FEES OF 17.85 CENTS. RAS TANURA TAXPAID COST  
AT \$11.25 POSTED PRICE PUT AT \$2.25 SAG ROYALTY, \$7.42  
SAG TAX, 27 CENTS ARAMCO PRODUCTION COST, MAKING  
RAS TANURA \$1.77 CHEAPER FOB.  
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